UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
FACULTY OF MUSIC

UTSO Concerto Competition Finals

To select soloists for the 2026/2027 University of Toronto Symphony Orchestra Season

Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 1:00 pm | Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park

PROGRAM

Concertino for Vibraphone and Marimba — Larysa Kuzmenko (b. 1956)
- Movement I
- Movement II

Amiel Ang, Percussion
Mai Miyagaki, Piano

Concerto for Bassoon, String Orchestra, Harp and Piano — André Jolivet (1905 – 1974)
- 1a. Recitativo
- 1b. Allegro gioviale
- 2a. Largo cantabile
- 2b. Fugato

Cian Bryson, Bassoon
Wesley Shen, Piano

Les Nuits d'été, Op. 7 — Hector Berlioz (1803 – 1869)
- 6. L'Île inconnue
- 2. Le Spectre de la rose
- 4. L'Absence

Grace Ronan, Mezzo-soprano
Helen Becqué, Piano

Première Rhapsodie — Claude Debussy (1862 – 1918)

Niki Tang, Clarinet
Sasha Bult-Ito, Piano

We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.
As part of the Faculty's commitment to improving Indigenous inclusion, we call upon all members of our community to start/continue their personal journeys towards understanding and acknowledging Indigenous peoples' histories, truths and cultures. Visit indigenous.utoronto.ca to learn more.

Fantasia para saxophone — Heitor Villa-Lobos (1887 – 1959)

I. Animé
II. Lent
III. Très animé

Liam McClure, Soprano Saxophone
Ivan Jovanovic, Piano

INTERMISSION

Departures — Christos Hatzis (b. 1953)

I. Blooming fields
II. Serenity
III. Progress Blue

Josh Chong, Flute
Michelle Kim, Piano

Knoxville Summer of 1915 — Samuel Barber (1910 – 1981)

Zyion Stephens, Soprano
Joel Goodfellow, Piano

Concerto pour Saxophone alto et Orchestre à cordes — Pierre Max Dubois (1930 – 1995)

I. Lento Espressivo, Allegro
II. Sarabande
III. Rondo

Kannan Bloor, Alto Saxophone
Wesley Shen, Piano

PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE UTSO CONCERTO COMPETITION

2006
Esther Choi (Flute)
Cecilia Kang (Clarinet)
Tristan De Borba (Saxophone)
Jennifer Banks (Violin)

2008
Luri Lee (Violin)
Jamie Drake (Percussion)

2009
Vasil Garvanliev (Voice)
Emily Chia Lin Chiang (Piano)

2010
Christopher Hwang (Cello)

2011
Emily Kruspe (Violin)
Jamie Kruspe (Violin)
Marc Funkenhauser (Saxophone)
Jacqueline Mokrzewski (Piano)

2012
Omar Ho (Clarinet)
Sarah Gates (Saxophone)

2013
Bianca Chambul (Bassoon)
Michael Dassios (Clarinet)

2014
Elizabeth Polese (Voice)
Victoria Chung (Piano)

2015
Michael Jeffrey Bridge (Accordion)
Michael Murphy (Percussion)
Danika Lorèn (Voice)
Eugene Chan (Piano)

2016
Vivian Chen (Piano)
Danielle Greene (Violin)
Adam Harris (Voice)

2017
Naoko Tsujita (Marimba)
Aisa Sayama (Piano)
Brittany Cann (Voice)

2018
Sae Hae Bae (Piano)
Myriam Blardone (Harp)
Yao Lu (Saxophone)
Julia Mirzoev (Violin)
Gena van Oosten (Voice)

2019
Christopher Chan (Cello)
Michelle Lin (Piano)
Kyle Orlando (Trombone)
Jennifer Tran (Saxophone)

2020
Anastasia Kulikova (Piano)
Britton-René Collins (Percussion)
Emily Bosenius (Violin)

2021
Christina Kant (Harp)
Jesse Ma (Saxophone)

2022
Alex Hetherington (Voice)

2023
Emily Rocha (Voice)

2024
Daria Schibitcaia (Violin)

2025
Angela Ng (Piano)
San Rim (Cello)
Yunfei Xie (Saxophone)